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SUBJ: MBFR: FORM OF AGREEMENT: SPC MEETING JULY 3

REF: A. USNATO 2552 DTG 071900Z MAY 75;

B. STATE 139401 DTG 132341Z JUN 75

SUMMARY: AT JULY 3 SPC MEETING, UK MADE ITS FIRST STATEMENT ON FORM OF MBFR AGREEMENT, FRG REP COMMENTED ON FRG VIEWS IN THE AFTERMATH OF SPC COMMENT ON THE FRG PAPER OF MAY 7 (REF A), AND SPC AGREED TO DEFER FURTHER WORK ON THIS MATTER. END SUMMARY.

1. UK REP (BAILES) SAID UK BELIEVED ALLIES NEEDED TO ENSURE IN PHASE I THAT WP COMMITMENT TO COMMON CEILING IS AS LEGALLY BINDING AS POSSIBLE. THIS COMMITMENT SHOULD BE PART OF THE MAIN MBFR AGREEMENT. IF THE WP IS SO LEGALLY BOUND TO THE SECRET

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COMMON CEILING, THE WP WILL INSIST THAT THE ALLIES BE EQUALLY BOUND BY THE ALL PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT. UK DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ITS VIEWS MUCH FURTHER UNTIL IT HAS A BETTER IDEA OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PHASE I AGREEMENT.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES AGREED WITH UK, AND WITH US POSITION STATED AT PREVIOUS MEETING (REF B), THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO TRY TO REACH CONCLUSION ON FORM OF COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME.

3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID FRG CONSIDERS QUESTION OF FORM OF COMMITMENT TO BE HIGHLY COMPLEX, AND LOADED WITH POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. PHASE I DEALS WITH EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SUBJECTS, AND THE PHASE I AGREEMENT WILL BE A FRAGILE COMPROMISE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PUT THIS COMPROMISE IN A FORM WHICH WILL NOT BE INTERPRETED TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. HE SAID FRG REALIZED THAT THE ALLIES, BEFORE REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT ON FORM OF THE COMMITMENT, NEEDED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SUBSTANCE. A FULL DISCUSSION IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES. FRG CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ITS CONCEPT, I.E., HAVING A US-SOVIET REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT, AND SEPARATE INSTRUMENTS FOR OTHER MATTERS. FRG SEES THE DISADVANTAGES TO THIS APPROACH, BUT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE ADVANTAGES PREVAIL.

4. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE CANADIAN POSITION FOR SOME TIME, AND COULD GO WITH THE MAJORITY VIEW TO DEFER WORK ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. SPC AGREED TO DEFER FURTHER WORK ON FORM OF THE COMMITMENT, AND TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT WHENEVER ANYONE WISHED. BRUCE

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